

## GREATEST CHRISTMAS TREE ON RECORD TO BLOOM AT THE CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND



MALIHINI TREE CHILDREN—SNAPPED TWO YEARS AGO ON CHRISTMAS MORNING.

### If Weather Is Bad the Event Will Be Held In Immigration Shed On the Waterfront.

(From Wednesday Advertiser)

If the weather man consults the wishes of more than two thousand little children he will have this morning a bright one, without rainclouds, in order that the Malihini Christmas Tree may glisten in all its glory at the Children's Playground. Everything is ready for the distribution of a bigger assortment of Christmas cheer than ever before in the history of this typically Honolulu event and the place selected for the tree has proven itself most adaptable for the purpose.

Those who are to help in the distribution of the presents are requested to be on hand by half-past nine o'clock this morning, but it will be very necessary for volunteer workers to be present at the Children's Playground at least an hour earlier, in order that the last minute work be done. The committee will be very glad to see at least a score of workers at the Mackenzie Mission, Beretania avenue, by eight o'clock, because there is much to do. One of the events of this morning will be the presence at the tree of the largest aggregation of trained Hawaiian singers ever gathered together in recent years. These singers, at least twenty to be in the chorus, will be led by Ernest Kaai, who has volunteered the services of his combined quintet clubs and orchestras. Captain Berger

Weather permitting, the Malihini Christmas Tree will be held this Christmas morning, at ten o'clock, at the Children's Playground, corner of Smith and Beretania streets.

Should the morning be stormy, the Malihini Tree will blossom in the territorial immigration shed (old Fishmarket), at the foot of Alakea street, arrangements having been made for a quick change of base if the need arises.

Everyone is invited.

and the Hawaiian band will also be on hand, from nine o'clock on.

Everyone has been extremely liberal in proffering of help and in cash subscriptions this year, so liberal that the fund has broken all records and the articles bought for distribution are thus better than ever before. To give a list of those firms who have helped would be to publish a directory of downtown Honolulu, while the cash subscriptions amount to over thirteen hundred dollars. Yesterday an additional distribution of tickets was made, most of the urgent calls being filled, while a hurried trip around the shops for more presents to fill the demand, was made.

The committee has one request to make of visitors to the tree this morning and that is that they watch the distribution of presents from OUTSIDE THE FENCE. This will give everyone a much better chance to see and will also give the children a chance to "do themselves proud" after they receive the gifts that Santa Claus will have for them. There will be plenty of room for automobiles on both the Beretania and Smith street sides of the grounds.

The Boy Scouts, who will have charge of the grounds, are requested to be on hand by nine o'clock, to start in on their duties. The Scouts last year rendered very efficient service and there will be at least twice as many present this year to help.

The Malihini Christmas Tree list closed last night with a grand total of \$1325.05, a magnificent testimony to the generosity of the residents of Honolulu. Some two hundred dollars of this was solicited, at a time when it was feared that perhaps there might be a deficit, but over eleven hundred dollars came in from volunteer givers, the amounts ranging from five cents to fifty dollars. The last subscription was telephoned in last night from C. G. Bartlett, who returned yesterday from the mainland. Mr. Bartlett asked to be put down for twenty-five dollars.

Truly the spirit of Christmas is shown in this generous list of those who have given to the less fortunate of their fellow creatures in Honolulu. May their reward come today in the knowledge of nearly twenty-five hundred little ones made happy.

The list, as it closed, stood as follows: Previously acknowledged \$1263.35 Cash 5.00 Colonial Friend 2.00 G. B. Curtis 5.00 Vieira Jewelry Co. 5.00 C. F. C. 10.00 A Friend 5.00 Four weeks' pocket money from three little boys 1.20 For the Tree 1.00 C. G. Bartlett 25.00

Grand Total \$1325.05

### TOURISTS SAW, ENJOYED AND JOINED

The Young Hotel roof garden parapet was lined in the early hours of last night by tourist guests and malihinis, here for their first sub-tropic Christmas. At "home," the ground was snow-laden; the streets echoed with the jangling of bells; frosty sidewalks rang beneath hurrying feet. Here below these watchers, up and down Bishop street, ranged the typical Honolulu Christmas crowd, bareheaded, lightly clad, holidaying beneath the strings of gay red, white and blue incandescents, strung back and forth between the stores and the heavily foliaged trees. It was a sight familiar to Honoluluans but new, novel and fascinating to the strangers who watched, so different to the Christmas Eve sights of their own land.

Over the parapet and from open windows they gazed, seeing as motley and as merry a Christmas gathering as could be scraped together. The four corners of the world were represented. Chinese there were, the women and children arrayed in gaudy peacock blues, sea-greens and royal yellows, a conspicuous portion of the joyous throng; the Japanese, in sober-hood kimonoes with gaudy and oftentimes brilliant obis; Koreans, with glazy white, high-waisted, long-skirted gowns, and faces, for once, joy-lit; Filipinos, like butterflies, with elaborately en-

larged sleeved chemisettes; here and there a red or green blouse donating the Russian of Siberia; the broad-rimmed hat and short-waisted coat of the immigrant from the Spanish and Portuguese hinterlands; the white turban of the former dweller by the sacred Ganges; the shiny ebony of the blacks from the South; the much-beleaved sons and daughters of Hawaii, faces radiant with the merry-making, the majority carrying guitars and ukuleles, their ear-haunting melodies rising above the din of horns; and in the midst of them all the beautifully-dressed, correctly dressed tourists from Fifth Avenue, Connecticut Avenue, Michigan Avenue and Market street, mingling in the gathering of the races on terms of most engaging amity.

While their hearts and minds were probably far, far away at their own firesides, the charm of the new Christmas Eve in Honolulu gradually overwhelmed them, and—

"Let's go down and join the crowd," said many.

And the tourists did join the merry, throng in large numbers, bought horns and clatters and confetti and played with the rest of the play-folk down in the streets of Honolulu.

James Council No. 563, Y. M. I., will meet in C. B. U. hall at half-past seven this evening.

### "THE TOURIST" FOR TOURISTS ON TOUR

Musical Play for Carnival Week With Local Cast at the Opera House.

A new feature of the Carnival week has developed in the shape of a performance to be given at the Hawaiian Opera House on the evenings of Carnival week.

The entertainment is to be an operetta, both dialogue and music produced by local talent, and is to be given under the direction of D. William Douthett, with Fred Wichman as assistant stage director.

The title of the musical playlet is "The Tourist." Among those who will take part in the performance are the following:

Miss Beryl Hunter-Jones, Mrs. Charles Hall, Mrs. Chester Hunn, Mrs. Alice Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. R. McElwaine, Miss Lucy Dimond, Miss Calie Lucas, Miss Violet Stoeber, Miss Eloise Wichman, Miss Adele Wieke, Miss Edith E. Pratt, Miss Thelma Murphy, Miss C. Jones, Miss Myrtle Schuman, Miss Rose Herbert, Miss Spaul-

### Great Rush of Mail Keeps Clerks Very Busy



PART OF THE POSTOFFICE OVERFLOW.

### COMMERCIAL PRE-HOLIDAY STYLE OF STOCK MARKET

Only a Perfunctory Interest in New York Exchange Prices During the Day.

(By Federal Wireless Telegraph.) NEW YORK, December 24.—(Special to The Advertiser)—The early stock market today was of a decidedly pre-holiday character; many of the active speculators were absent from the street and those who remained took only a perfunctory interest in prices. Dealing revealed some irregularity, but the tone became better after a few efforts had been made by the bears to attract a following by selling the active shares. Reports of an agreement in the sub-way negotiations infused some strength in the local tractions. The money market displayed further firmness, call loans renewing at six per cent in comparison with 4 3/4 per cent yesterday. Bonds were steady. A few specialties moved wildly, but the active list was neglected. Transactions for the hour aggregated only about 7000 shares.

### CLOSING QUOTATIONS IN SAN FRANCISCO

(By Federal Wireless Telegraph.) SAN FRANCISCO, December 24.—(Special to The Advertiser)—Closing quotations:

SUGAR STOCKS.		
	Bid	Asked.
Hawaiian Commercial	32 3/4	..
Hawaiian Sugar	34	..
Honokaa	7 1/2	9
Hutchinson	16	..
Kilauea	12	..
Onomea	29 7/8	..
Panahau	17 3/4	18 3/4
Union	30	..

OIL STOCKS.		
Amalgamated	82 1/2	..
Associated	41 3/4	42 3/8

UNLISTED.		
Honolulu Plantation	31	..
Atlas Wonder	unchanged.	..

### RAW SUGAR STEADY.

(By Federal Wireless Telegraph.) NEW YORK, December 24.—(Special to The Advertiser)—Raw sugar steady: Muscovado 89 degrees test, 3.42c; Centrifugal 96 degrees test, 3.92c; Molasses 89 degrees test, 3.17c. Refined steady.

### SUGAR STOCK AS CHRISTMAS GIFTS?

There is a suspicion that some people will give shares of sugar stock as Christmas presents today; at least there was considerable activity between boards yesterday for small lots of stock and all, with one exception, were dividend payers.

Pioneer stock at 26.00 flat, while Hawaiian Commercial and Sugar went up a full point to 33.00 flat on two transactions. McBryde registered the largest single sale, ninety shares going for 4.00. Oahu Sugar was the liveliest stock, starting at 23.75 for two transactions of five and ten shares, and winding up with 23.625 for twenty-five and five shares.

On the session of the exchange every stock sold at 21.00. Two sales of Hilo bonds, 1901 6s, \$1000 and \$1000, went at 99.00. There will be no session of the exchange today.

### REALTY TRANSACTIONS

Entered of Record December 24 1912. V H Yap and wf to P E Thompson Tr .....

Ching Chow and wf to Lau Chee, G L Samson to Oliver G Lansting .....

Oliver G Lansting to James T Leach .....

Bunichi Omoto to M Nagamori et al .....

### ALL-PORTUGUESE NINE IS BIDDING FOR FAME

New Organization Is After Snaps of P. A. Cs. and Ready to Play Them.



J. B. ENOS

Reported to be the financial chief of the new All-Portuguese baseball club.

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Bidders for fame are the members of the All-Portuguese baseball nine which has just been organized and whose announced intention is to first play the P. A. Cs of the Oahu League and later the All-Chinese.

"The P. A. C. team, as organized originally, was to have been made up strictly of Portuguese players, but for some time this nine has been playing members who are non-Portuguese," stated Captain Henry Freitas yesterday after the story had leaked out and he wasn't able to keep it under cover any longer.

"We have gotten together an exclusively Portuguese team now and mean to keep it as such while it lasts. We have plenty of material locally and good players at that."

"We have a team which will give the P. A. Cs all the playing they may want," stated "Tony" Medeiros, the J. A. C. slasher, who twirled his team to victory and won the championship against the P. A. Cs the other day. "We will play them on any terms they want, winner take all, sixty-forty, or the proceeds to go as a benefit to any charitable organization."

Quite a number of members of the Oahu League Juniors will find their way into the new team, state officials of the new organization. A tentative line-up of the All-Portuguese team is as follows: Brito, c; Medeiros (manager), p; M. Martin, 1b; Franco, 2b; Frank Fernandes, ss; "Young" Pedro, 3b; Joseph Fernandes, lf; Henry Freitas (captain), cf; J. S. Nascimento, rf; Substitutes: "Young" Brito and Theodore Cabral.

It is currently reported that J. B. Enos will be the financial chief of the All-Portuguese team. The choice is acclaimed a good one.

### HILLO EDITOR AFTER ALLEGED FAKE FIGHT

Ben de Mello Says He was Asked to "Lie Down" in His Honolulu Go With Ingle.

(Mail Special to The Advertiser.)

HILO, December 23.—Owing to the complaints and accusations made in regard to the recent fight between Ingle and de Mello, the Tribune last week made an investigation to ascertain just how much truth there was in the oft repeated charges that the prize ring game here is crooked. The results are submitted below. Those interested in the game can draw their own conclusions.

First of all, two very well known young men of Hilo, both prominently connected with sports, as sport, and one of them prominent in amateur pugilism, stated to the Tribune that they had been shown a letter from Ingle to de Mello, wherein the proposition was made, several weeks before the fight, that the fight should be a draw. This letter, they both said, independently of each other, was shown to them by de Mello, who said, in doing so, that he did not want to take up the proposition.

Last Saturday the editor of the Tribune asked de Mello for his version of this matter. At first de Mello denied absolutely having received such a letter. Later he said that he would go home and see if he could find it. He said that Ingle had made a proposition to him regarding the fight the two fought in Honolulu, but he could remember no such offer regarding this recent fight in Hilo.

The following Monday the Tribune editor communicated the facts, as stated above, to Mr. Connors, of the Herald, and the two went together to see de Mello.

De Mello stated that he could not remember having received such a letter, and he had made a search at home to see if he had one, but without success. He added that Ingle had proposed, as related to the Honolulu fight, that de Mello should "lie down" when he would give him a piece of money, no definite amount being stated. This offer says de Mello, he turned down.

"If there was anything connected with this fight I had nothing to do with it," said de Mello. "I fight for sport, not for money, for I am making nothing out of it. Why, if I were after money, I would have made a lot of it, before this Honolulu fight, three men came to me to say they would give me a hundred dollars, making me hundred in all, which they offered to give me if I

### GETTING CLOSER TO THE PEOPLE

Maui County Supervisors Hold New Plan for Raising School Taxes.

A long step in advance for self-government has been taken by the officials of Maui, insofar as the reorganization of system of school taxation concerned, in order to get more money for their schools and to be granted power of raising the taxation not for distinctive permanent improvements.

It is proposed that the improvement and the rate per cent be voted on a county election to be held at least forty-five days before the first of January after the legislature makes a scheme possible.

This is the plan proposed by Maui county to the holdover committee the senate, of which A. F. Judd is chairman.

"This is a step in advance in county government," said Mr. Judd yesterday, "for it is getting close to people."

The holdover committee recently advised all the counties to inform the committee of any changes it thought desirable in the present laws as they affect the counties and their division of taxes. So far no report has been received from Oahu, but one has been received from Maui. The letter, the Maui supervisors, signed by W. Pogue, chairman, is as follows:

"It is the belief of the board of supervisors of the county of Maui that so far as Maui county is concerned no change should be made, at the coming session of the legislature, in the vision and distribution of the proper income and other kinds of taxes collected, excepting the so-called personal taxes which, it believes, should be amended as to abrogate the poll tax of \$1 and increase the school tax \$2 to \$3. That all school taxes collected from the tax payers of a county should be expended for school purposes within that county."

"That of the whole direct tax collected for school purposes within the county one-third should be made a special fund for the maintenance of school grounds, buildings, etc., and two-thirds should be set apart as a special fund for the improvement of school grounds, erection of new school buildings, etc. In other words, that two-thirds of the special school tax be set apart as a special school permanent improvement fund."

"It is also the belief of the board of supervisors that the board of supervisors of the county of Maui should be endowed with the authority to levy taxes for definite and distinctly stated improvements within this county, and the following restrictions:

"(a) Such tax not to exceed five per cent of one per centum per annum of the taxable property within the county.

"(b) Such levy of an improvement tax to be operative only after submitting same to a vote of the electors within this county and having been sustained by them.

"(c) Such plebiscite to be held at least forty-five days prior to the first day of January of the year during which this proposed tax is to be assessed and collected."

### GOOD REASON.

The Rev. J. some months ago was making his first call at the cottage of one of his parishioners in the suburb or a long time he sat at the window with Mrs. Y's little daughter.

"In looking out of doors, you notice how bright is the green of the leaves and grass," he asked.

"Yes, sir," she said.

"Why does it appear so much brighter at this time?" he next asked, smiling benevolently.

"'Cause ma has just washed the window," she said.—Philadelphia Evening Telegraph.

### SOMETHING DEPENDABLE

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy never disappoints those who use it for obstructed passages, colds and irritations of the throat and lungs. It stands unrivalled as a remedy for all throat and lung diseases. For sale by Benson Smith & Co., Ltd., agents for Hawaii.—Advertisement.

John Rutgers Blanton, for twenty-nine years consul general from the Netherlands, died at his home in Brooklyn, New York, of heart trouble aged seventy-seven years.

### QUARANTINE ON SUGAR CANE?

The attention of the federal horticultural board has been called by the bureau of plant industry and the bureau of entomology to the fact that dangerous plant diseases and insects are liable to be introduced into the United States on sugar cane brought into this country. Therefore in accordance with the Plant Quarantine Act of August 20, 1912, a public hearing will be held to consider the advisability of restricting or prohibiting the importation of sugar cane into the United States.

If the proposed quarantine is established it will probably restrict or prohibit the importation of all sugar cane plants and parts of plants from foreign countries into the United States including Porto Rico and Hawaii, as also from Porto Rico and Hawaii into the continental United States.

"The public hearing on the proposed quarantine against sugar cane will be held at the department of agriculture, Washington, D. C., on January 7, 1913, at ten o'clock a. m. At this hearing those interested may appear or be heard either in person or by attorney in relation to the proposed quarantine."

would lie down to Ingle, but I refused. No, I don't know who they were, who said them."

It may be added that if either Ingle or any one else interested in this proposition wishes to communicate with me, please direct the communication to me, as I will be given every fair opportunity to make the views public through the columns of this paper.